GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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DILAPIDATED CONDITION OF NH IN ORISSA
Satpathy Shri Tathagata

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the condition of the National Highways passing through Orissa are in bad shape;

(b) if so, the steps taken for their proper repair and maintenance;

(c) whether the State Government of Orissa has submitted a detailed memorandum on the conditions of the National Highways in the State; and

(d) if so, the response of the Union Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) & (b) No Sir. However, some of the stretches of National Highways (NHs) number: 5, 23, 60 & 215 in the state of Orissa were damaged during heavy rains in the monsoon of current year as well as coupled with unprecedented increase in mining traffic specially on NH 23 & 215. Efforts are underway to repair the damaged stretches and to keep all the NHs in traffic worthy condition within the available funds.

(c) In the month of October, 2007 State Government of Orissa had highlighted the conditions of National Highways in Orissa and sought augmentation of funds for development of NHs in the state.

(d) The allocation under the head National Highway (Original) works has been increased from Rs. 85.0 crore to Rs. 130.0 crore for the year 2007-08.